

Babies & Toddlers involved with Child Welfare

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Overview...

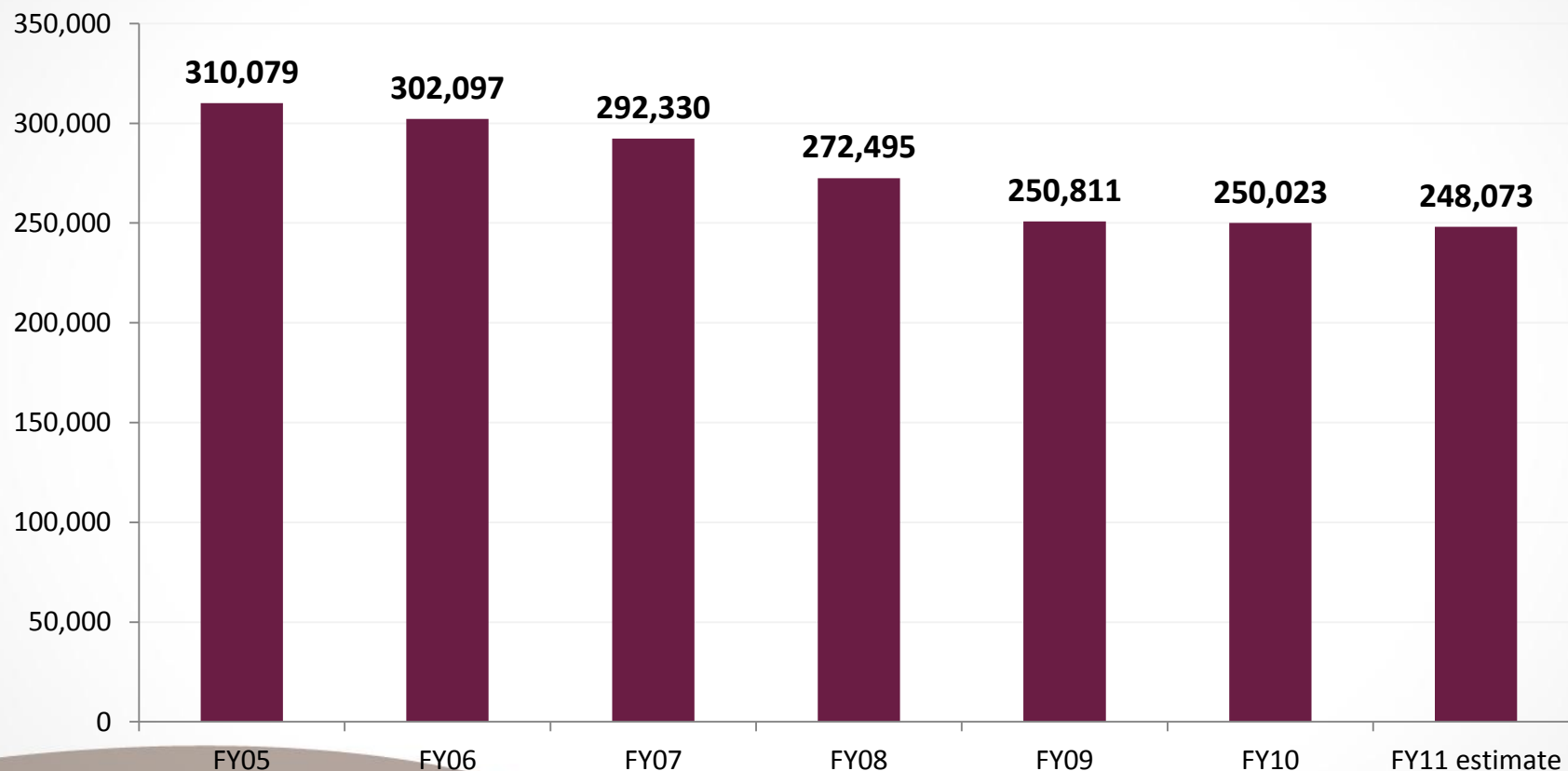
WHAT ARE THE TRENDS FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS ENTERING CARE?



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Nationally the number of children entering care declined 20% since FY05



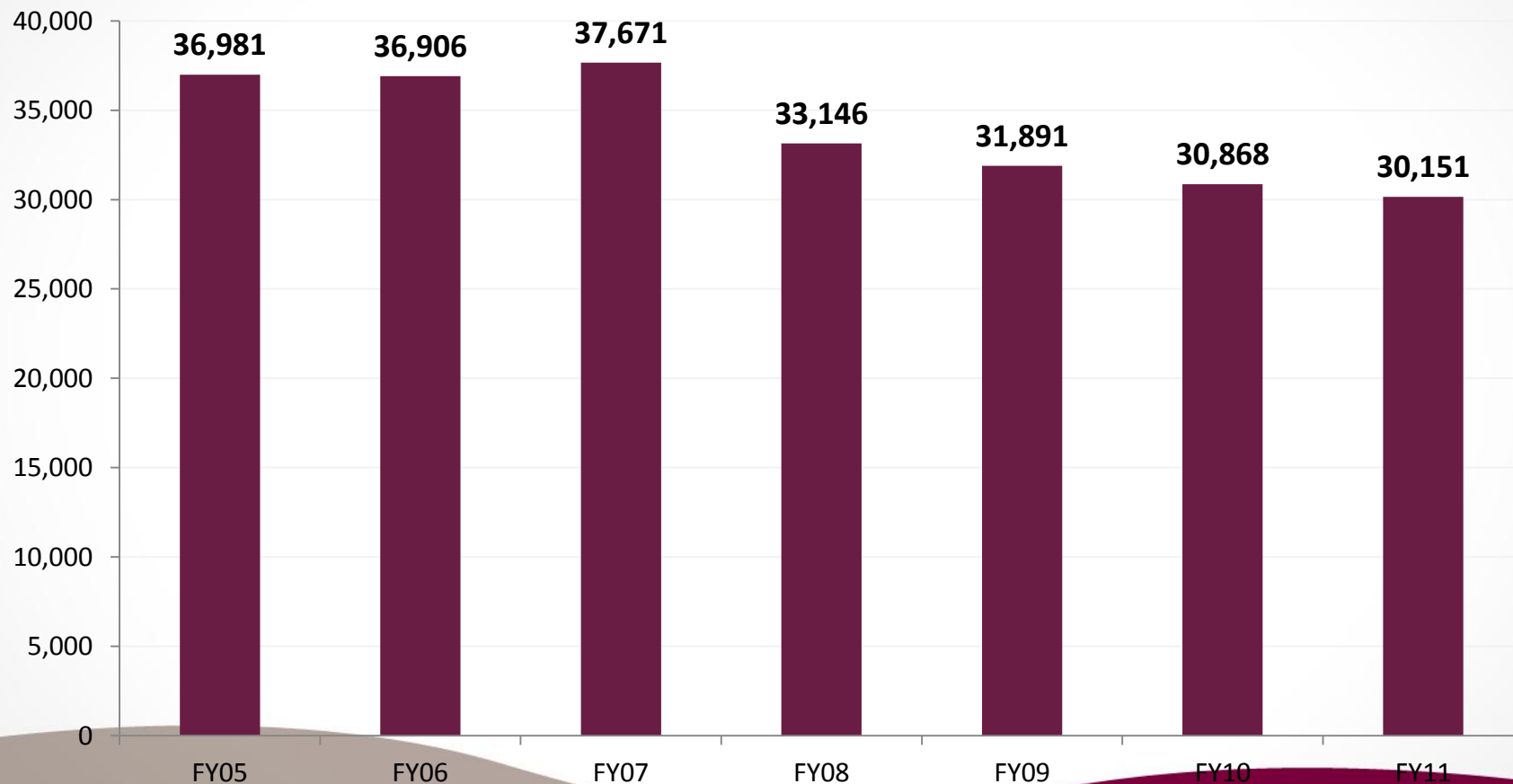
Data sources throughout slides:

California statewide and LA County data is from CWS/CMS Berkeley, except where noted

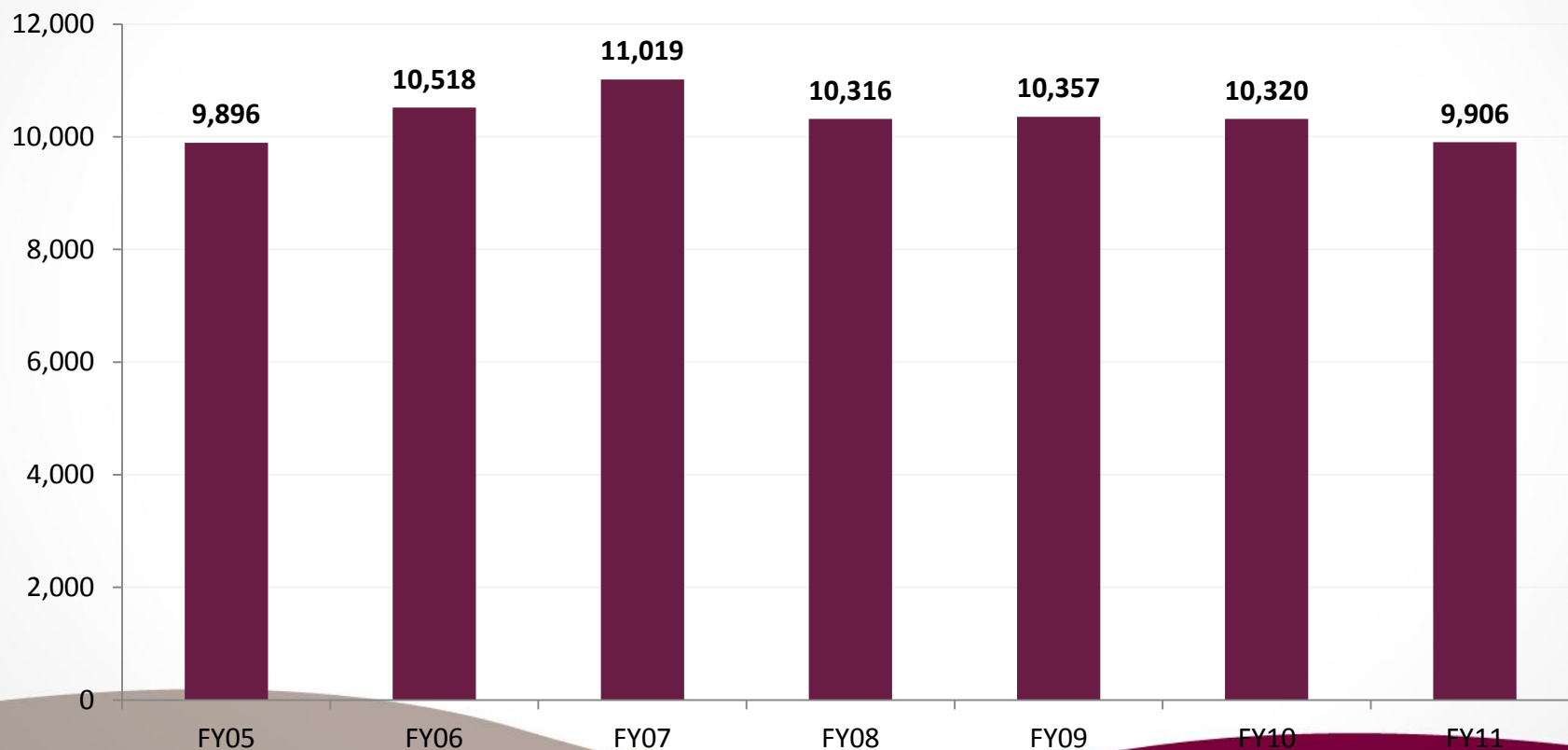
National data is projected for FY11 using AFCARS data

Population data used in rate calculations from Claritas

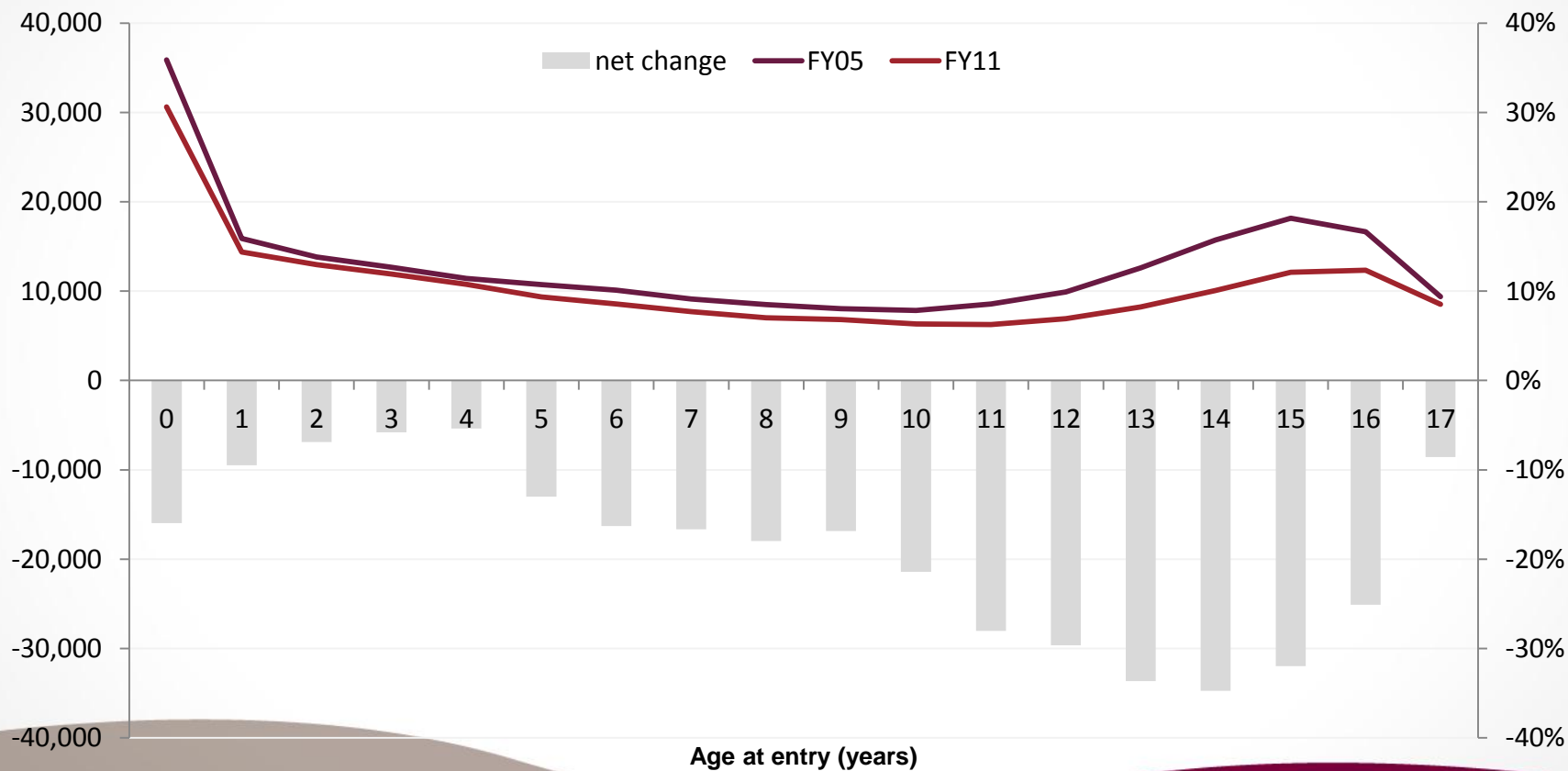
In California, the number of children entering care declined by 18.5% since FY05



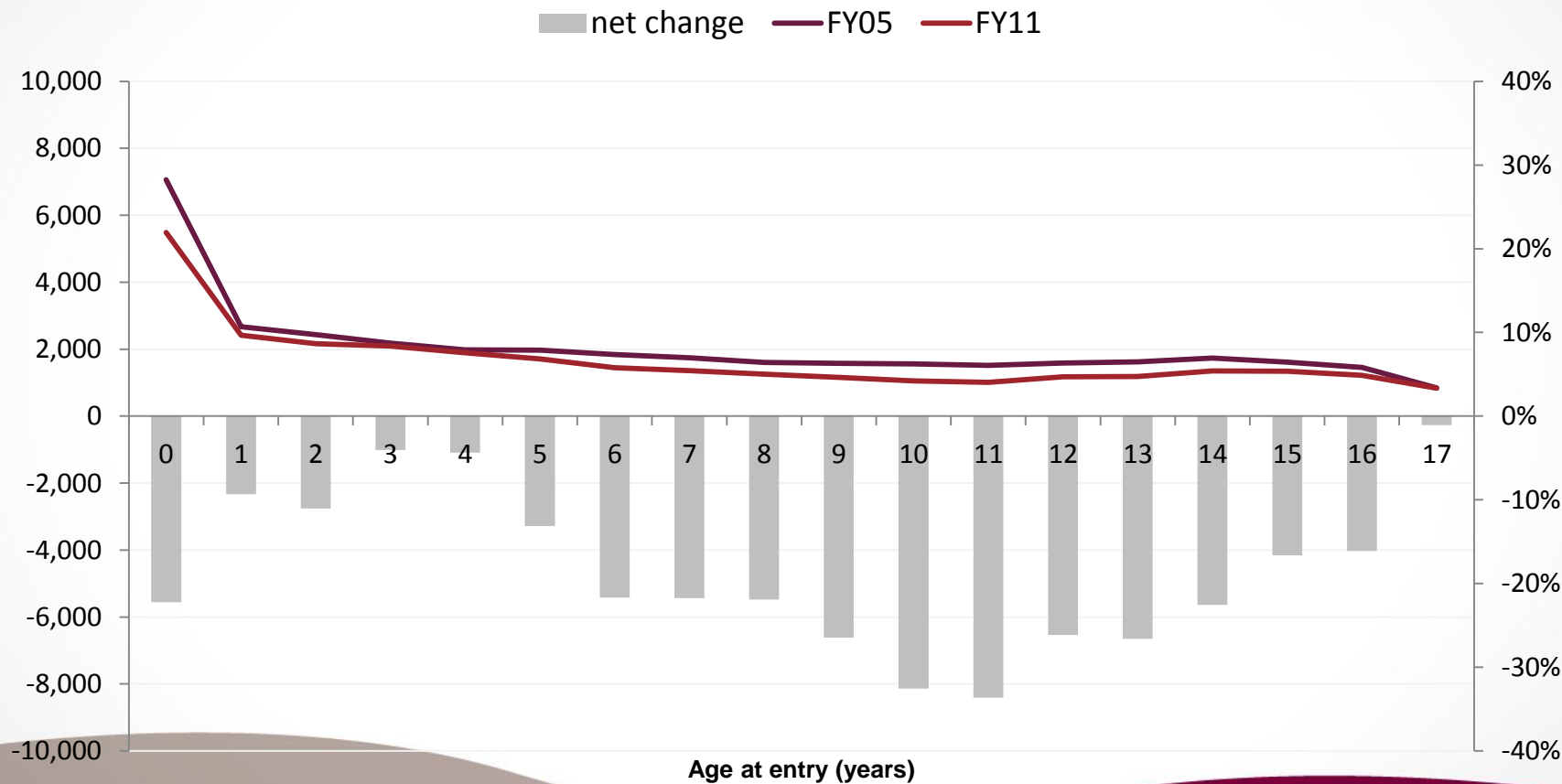
In contrast, **LA County** had no decline in the number of children entering care



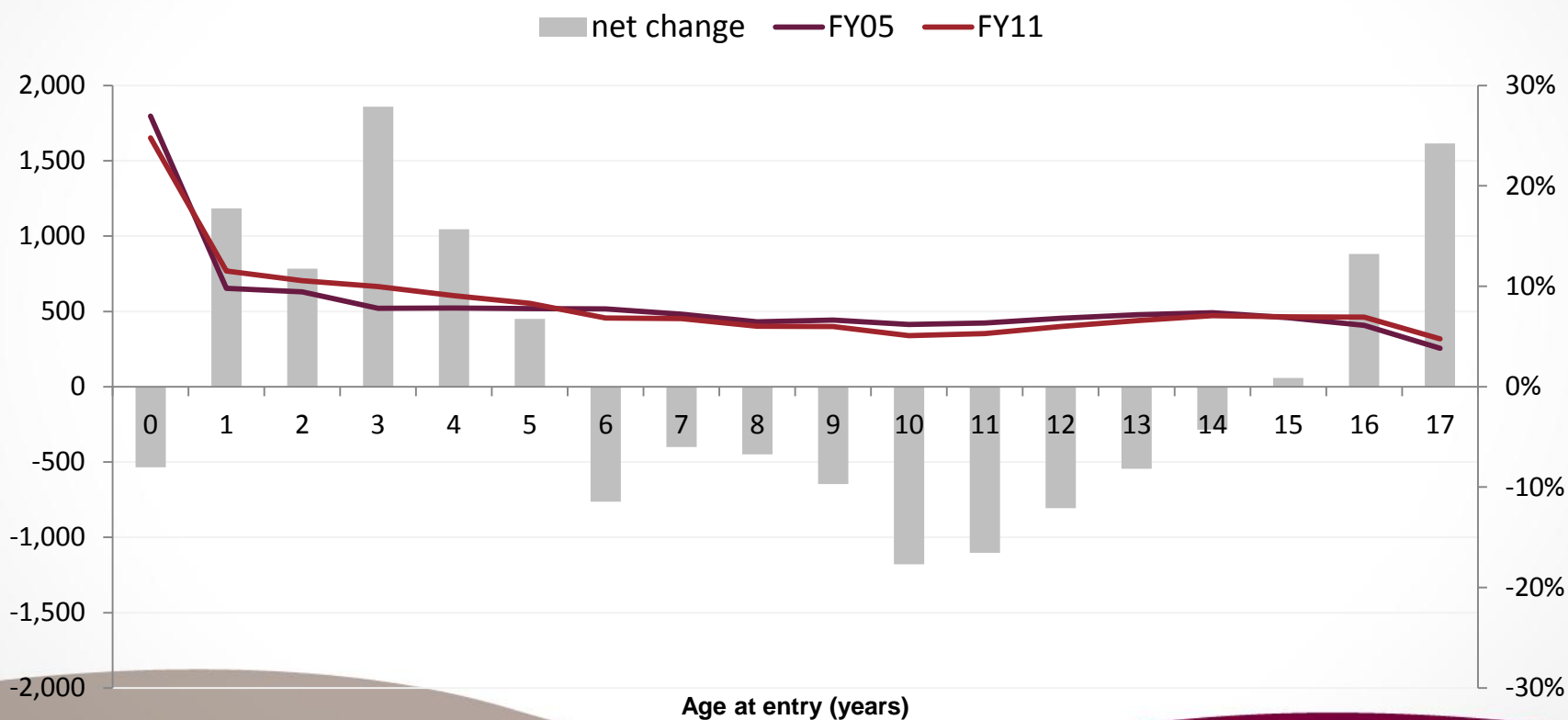
Nationally the reduction in entries was most pronounced for older children entering care



The reduction in **California** was also most pronounced among **older youth** entering care



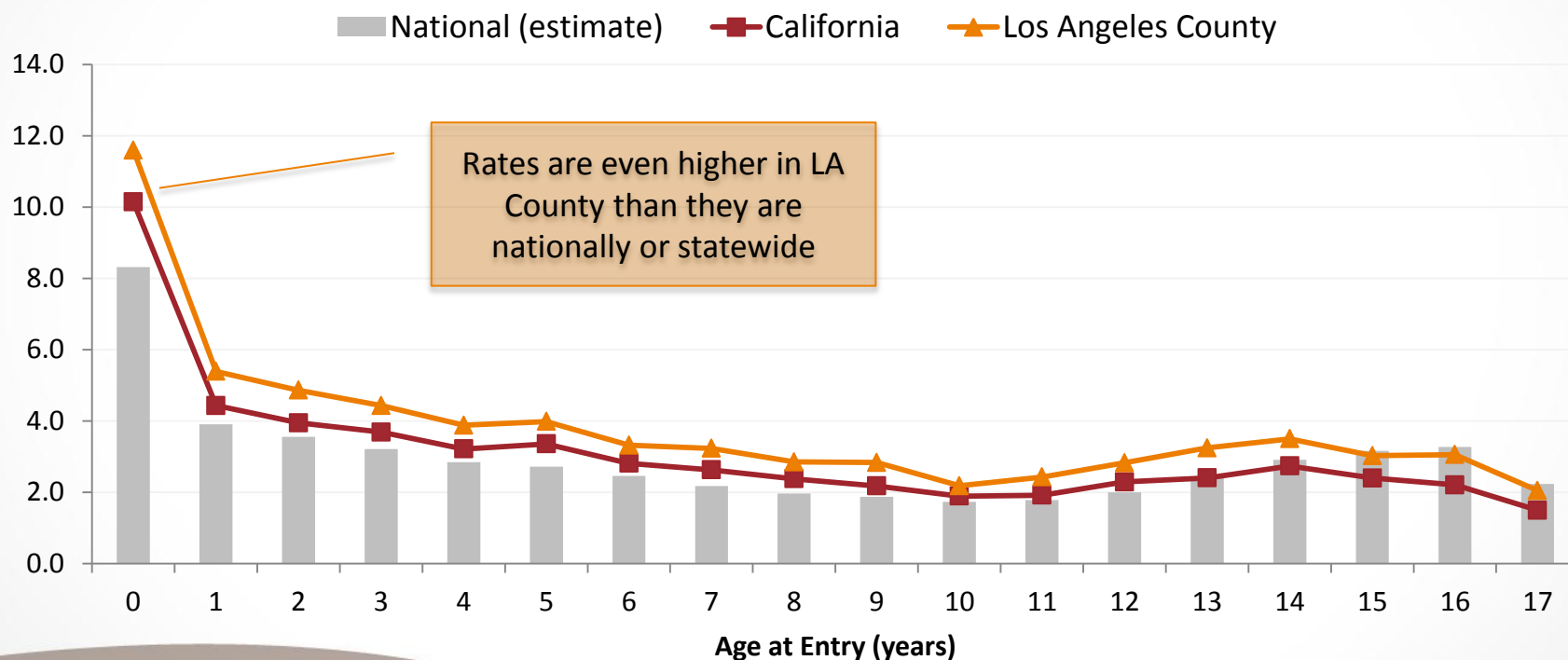
In **LA County**, the trends vary considerably by age, with increases for young children (ages 1-5) and teenagers (ages 15-17)



Nationally and locally, rates of entry remain highest for babies

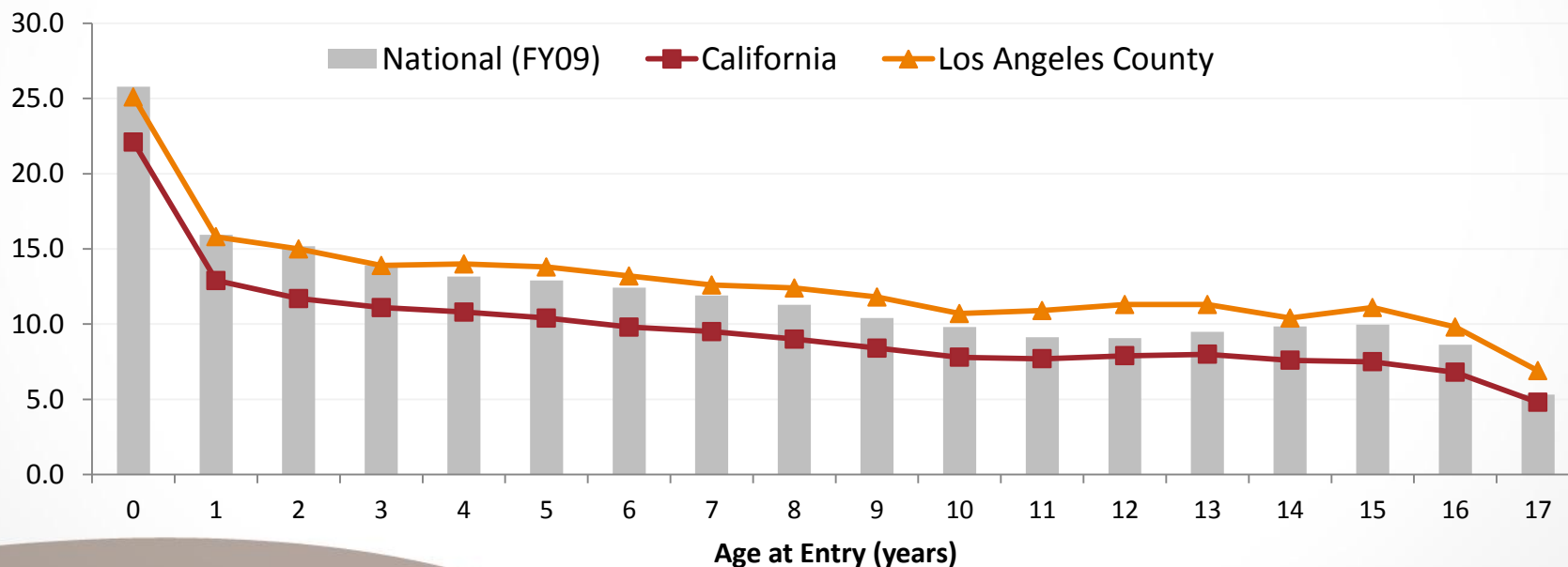
Rate of children entering care, by age (FY11)

per 1,000 children in the population

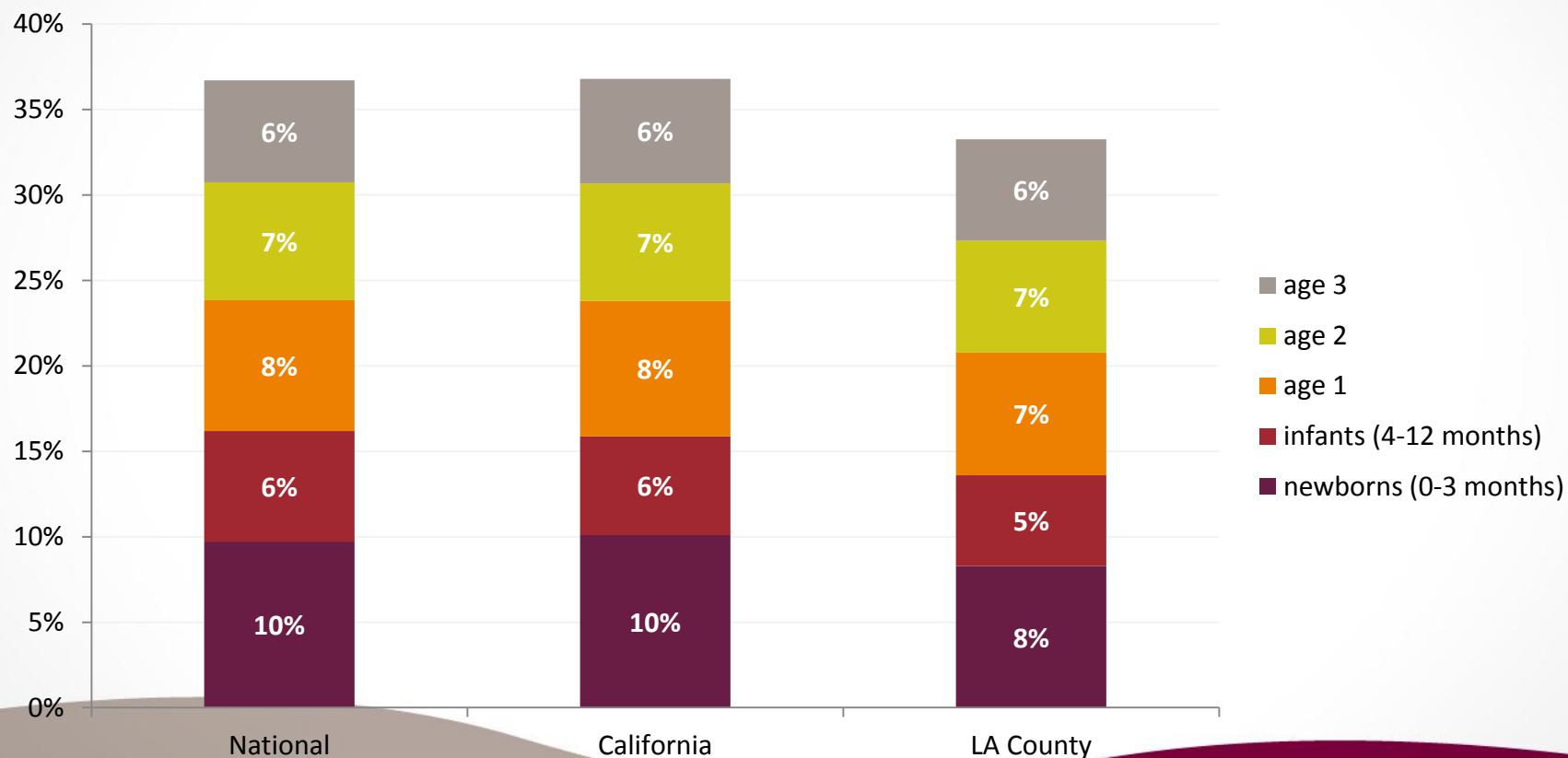


Trends evident before children enter care, babies having much higher rates of victimization

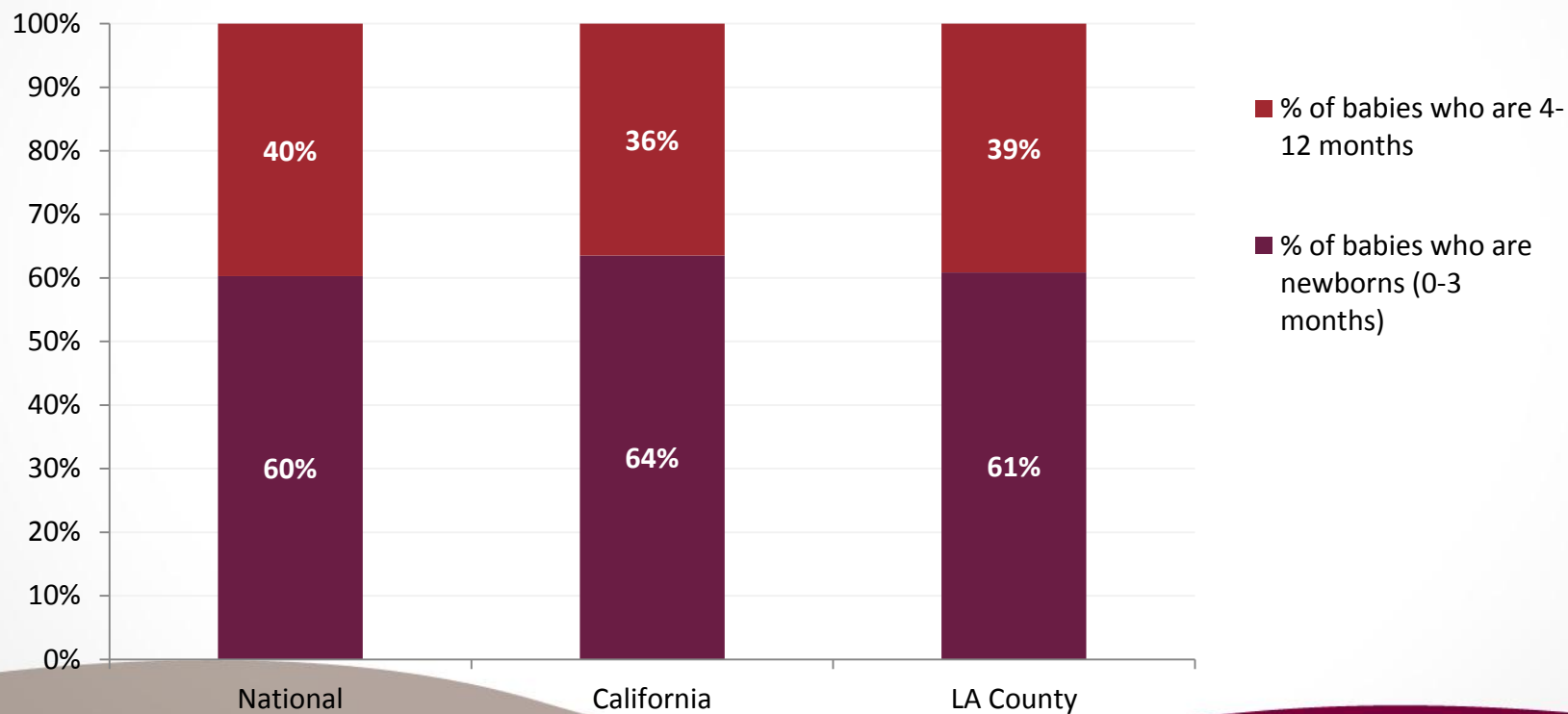
Rate of children involved in a substantiated allegation, by age (FY11)
per 1,000 children in the population



More than 1/3 of children entering care are age 3 and younger (FY10)

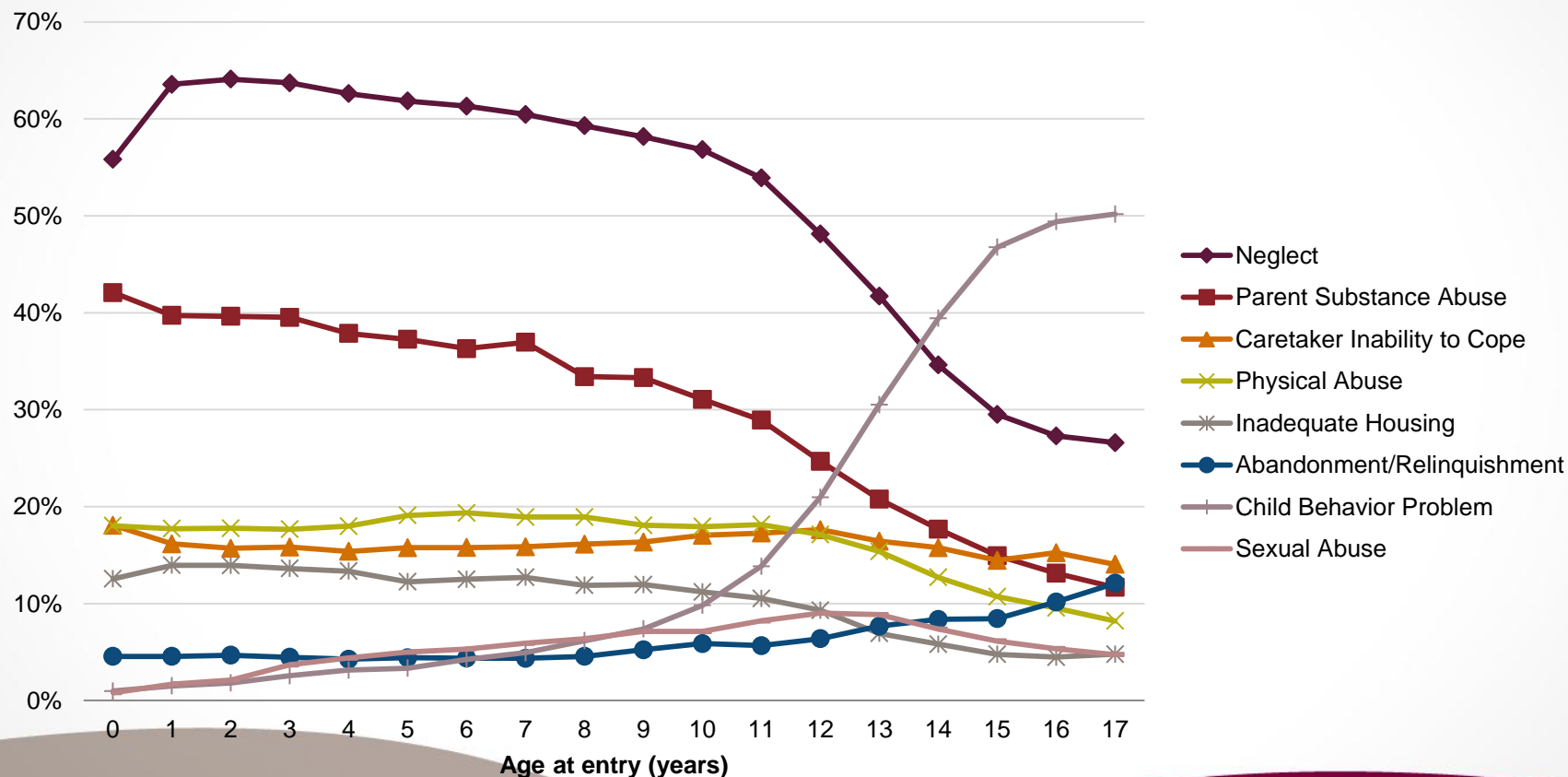


More of the babies entering care in CA and LA County are newborns, compared to national figures (FY10)



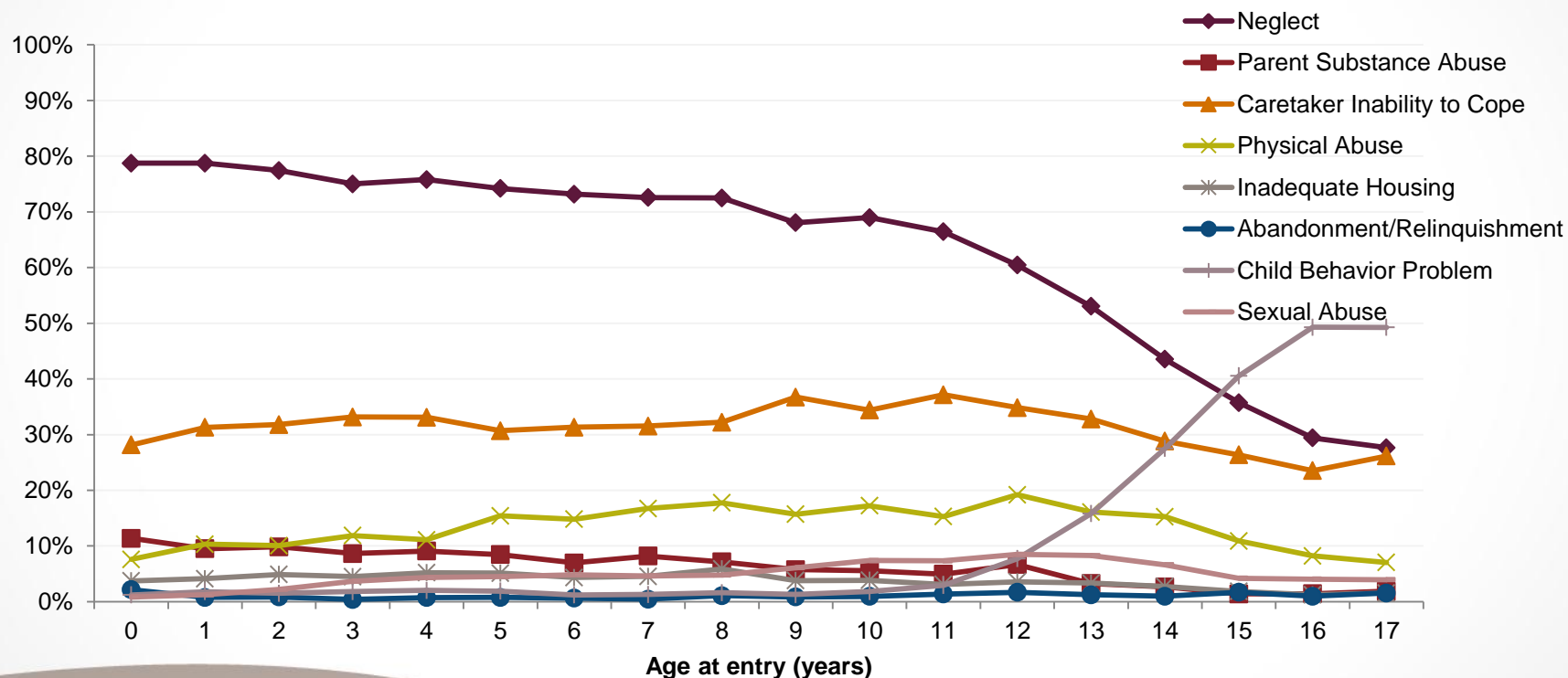
Nationally, babies and toddlers enter for neglect and parental substance abuse

Removal Reasons for Children Entering Care, by Age (FY10)



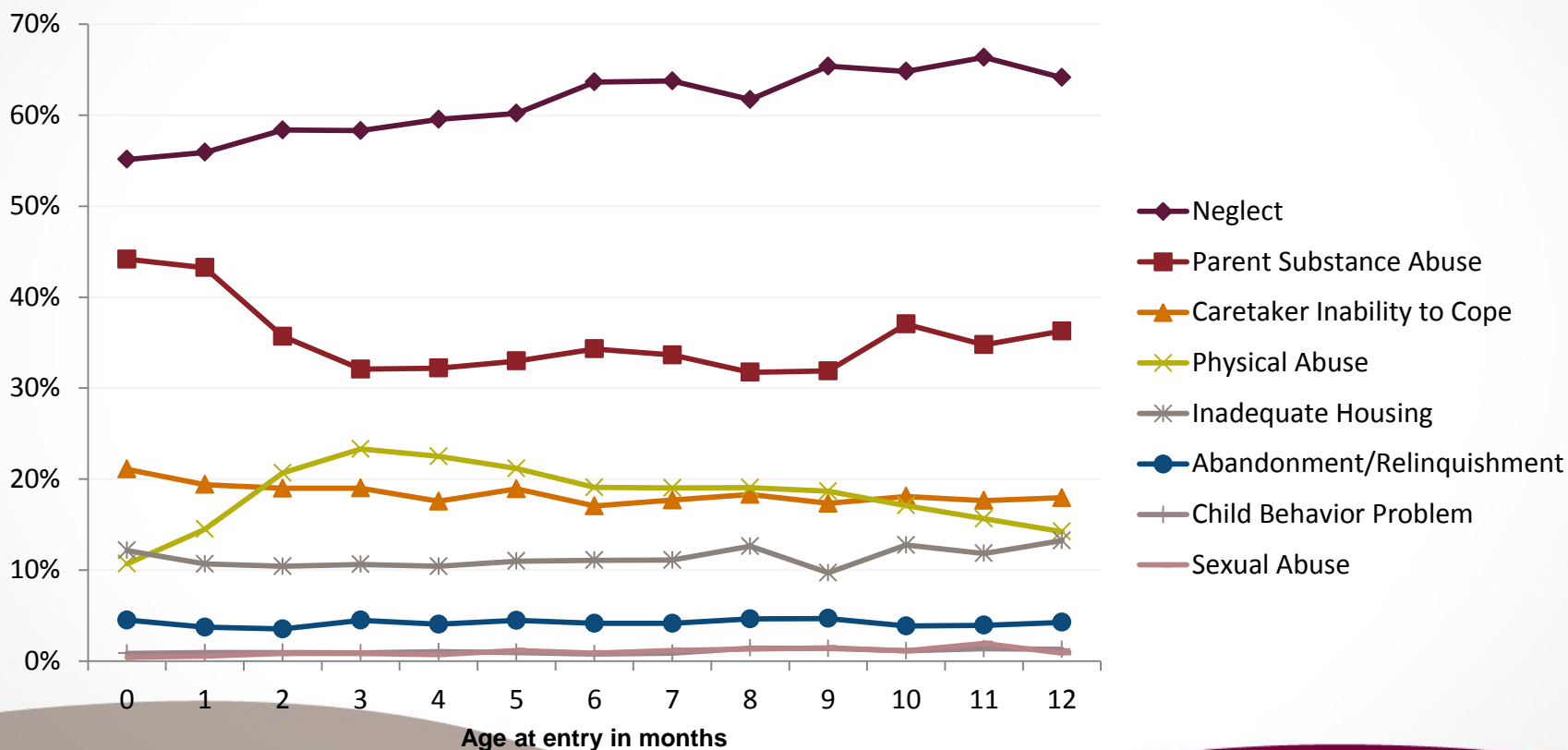
In California, babies and toddlers are most likely to enter care for **neglect or caretaker inability to cope**

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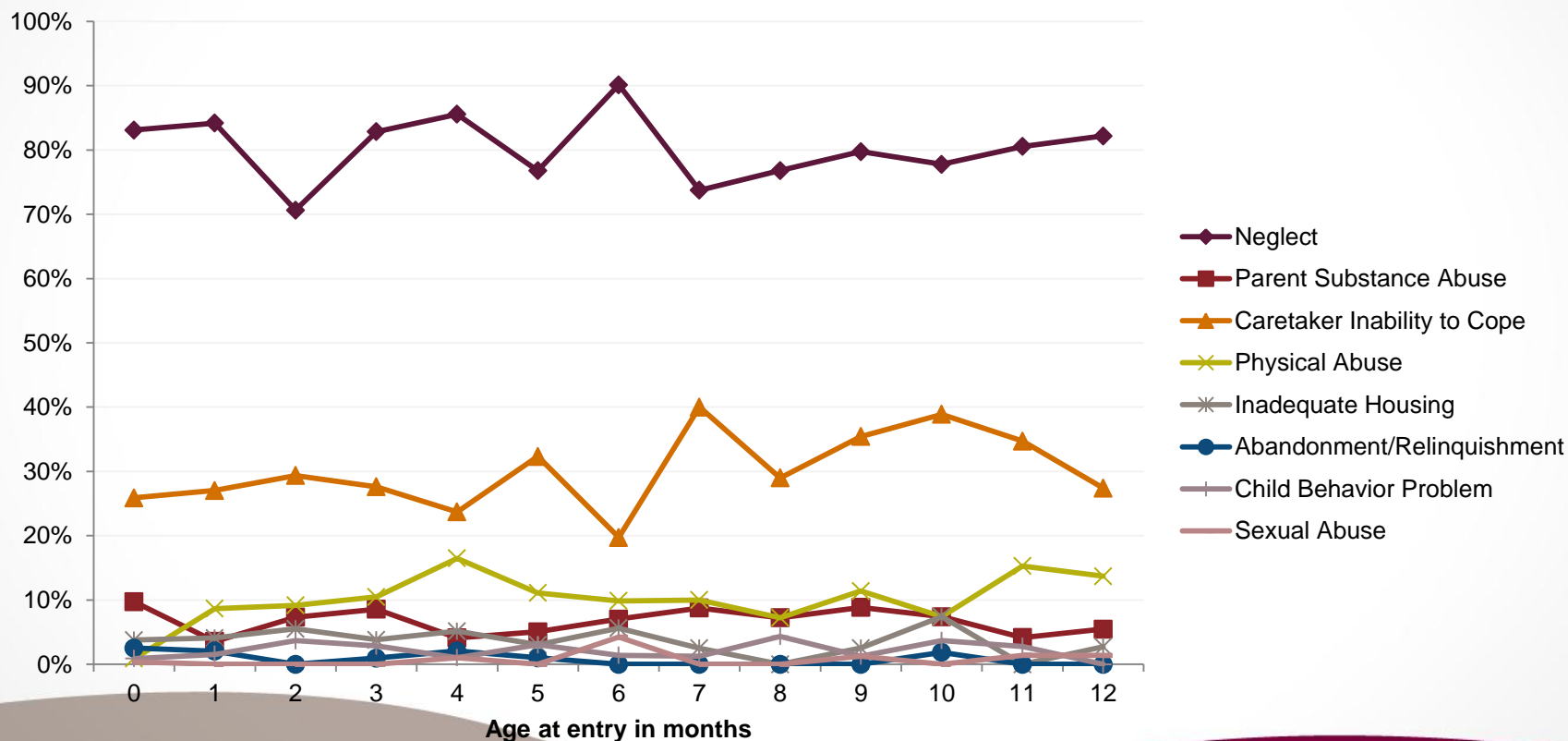
Nationally, substance abuse is most prominent among newborns

Removal Reasons for Babies Entering Care, by Month of Age at Entry (FY10)



In Los Angeles, a vast majority of babies enter care for neglect

Removal Reasons for Babies Entering Care (FY10)



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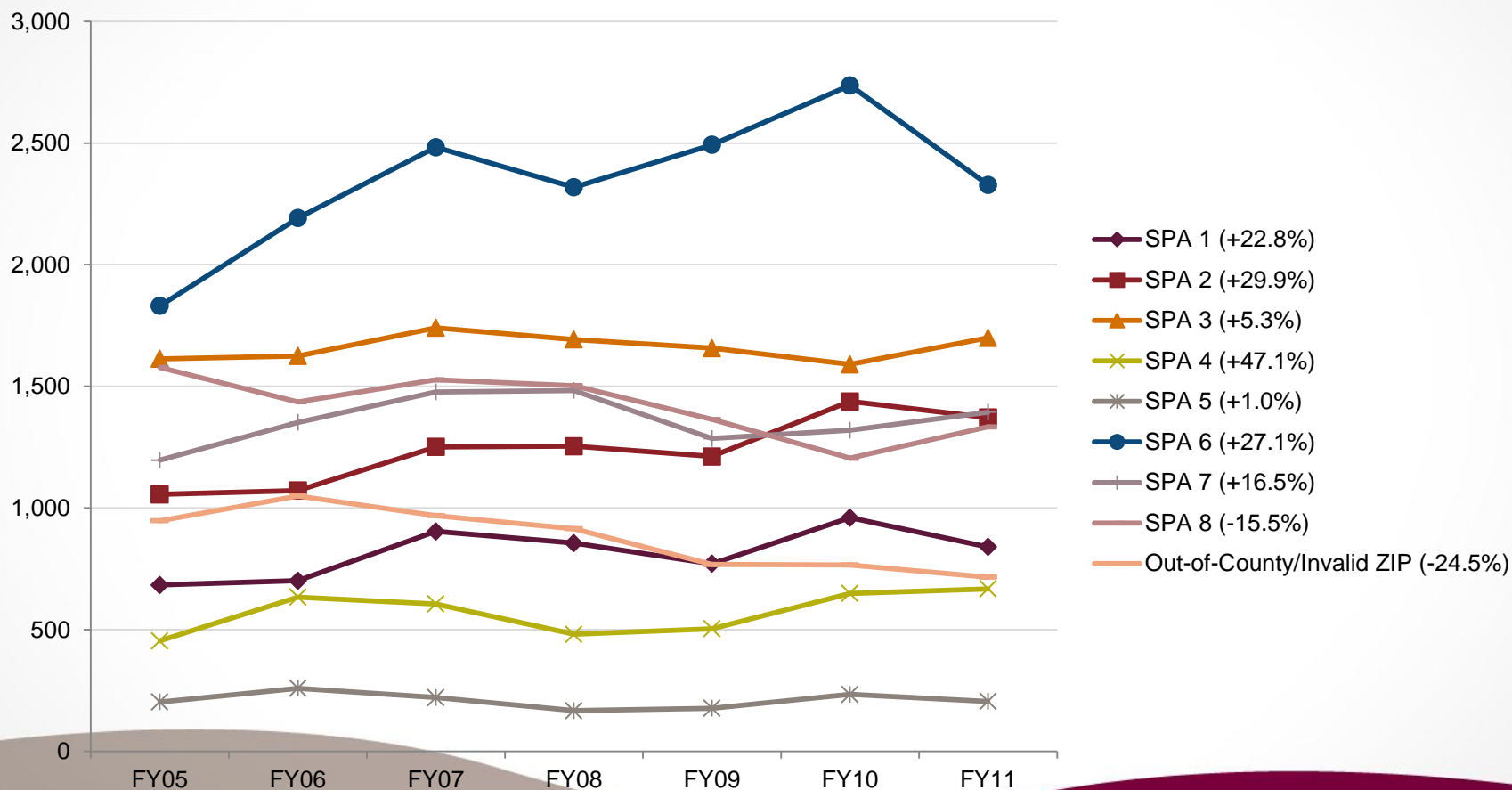
WHAT DOES THAT DATA LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AT THE SPA LEVEL?



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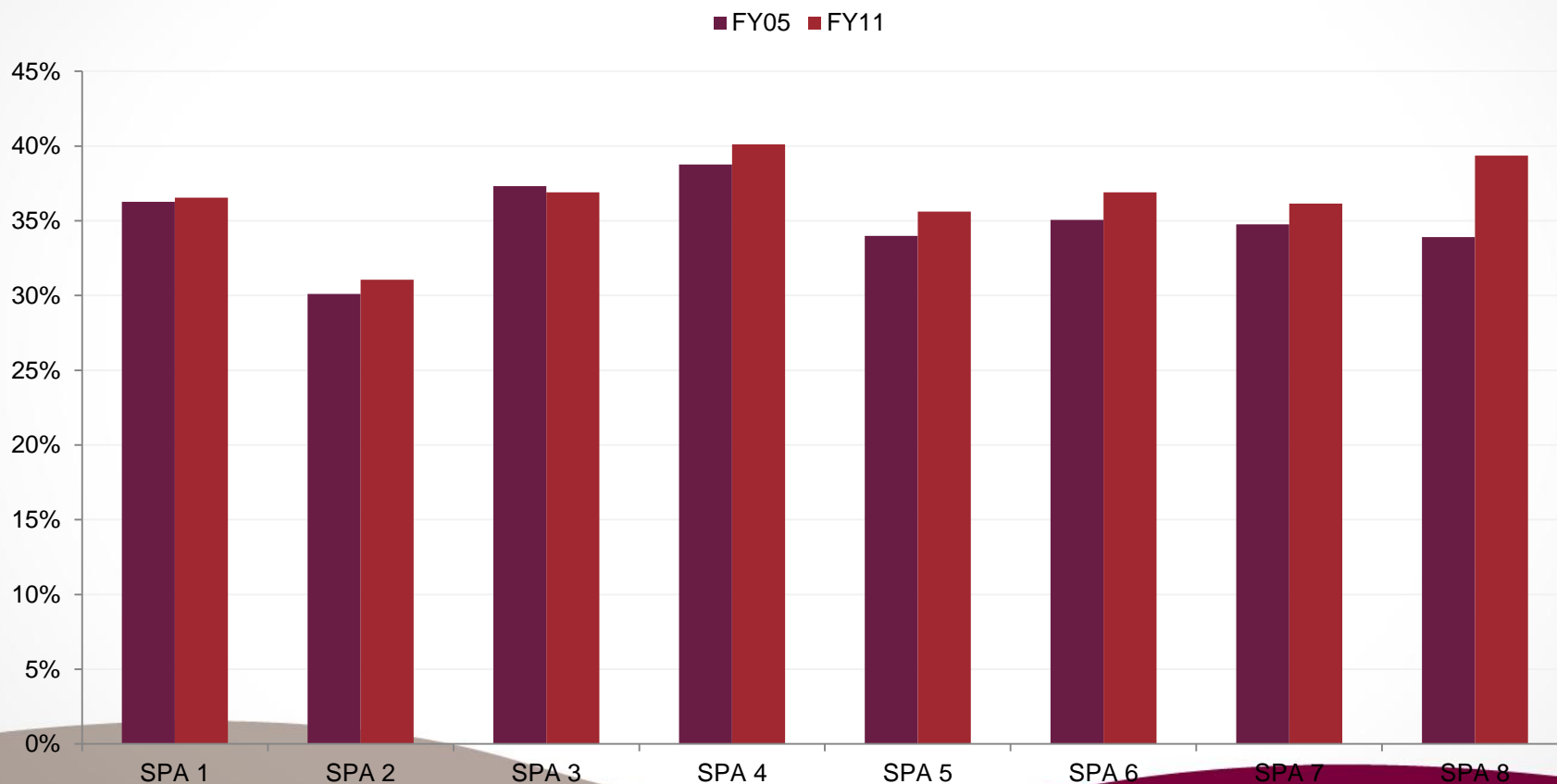
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Most SPAs have experienced an increase in the number of children entering care

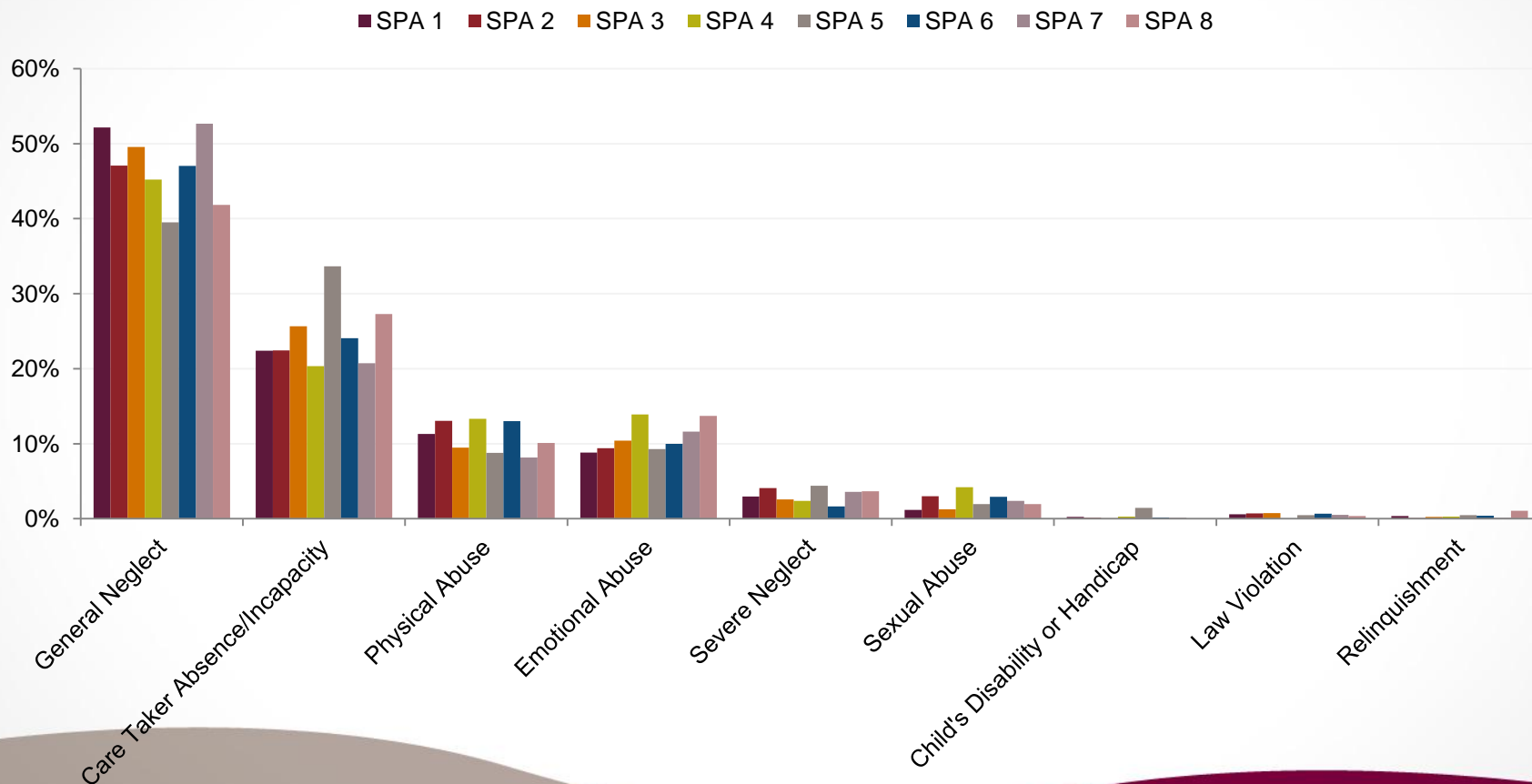


Nearly every SPA has experienced an increase in the percent of children age 0-3 entering care

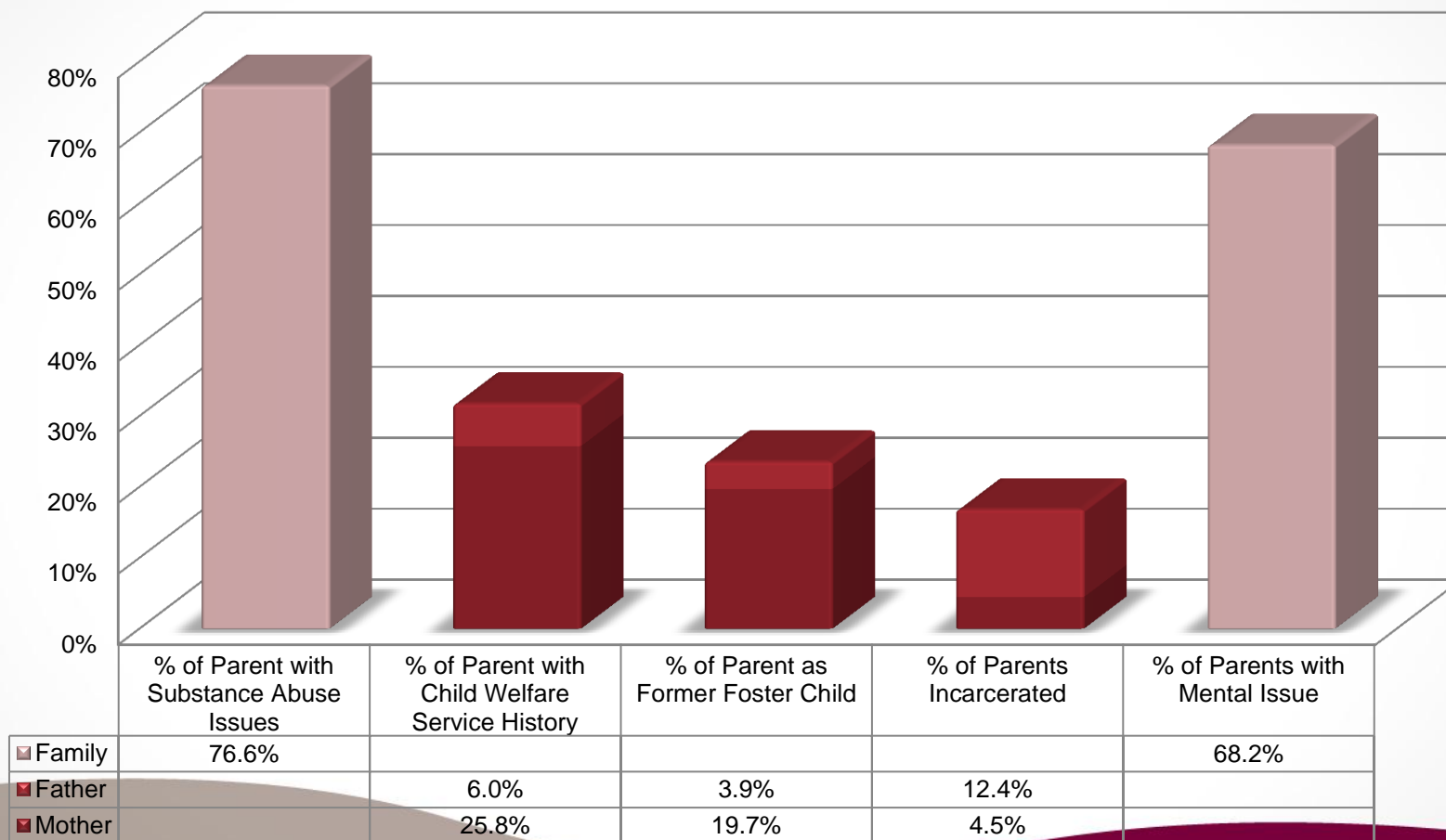
Percent of Children Entering Care Age 3 and Younger, by SPA



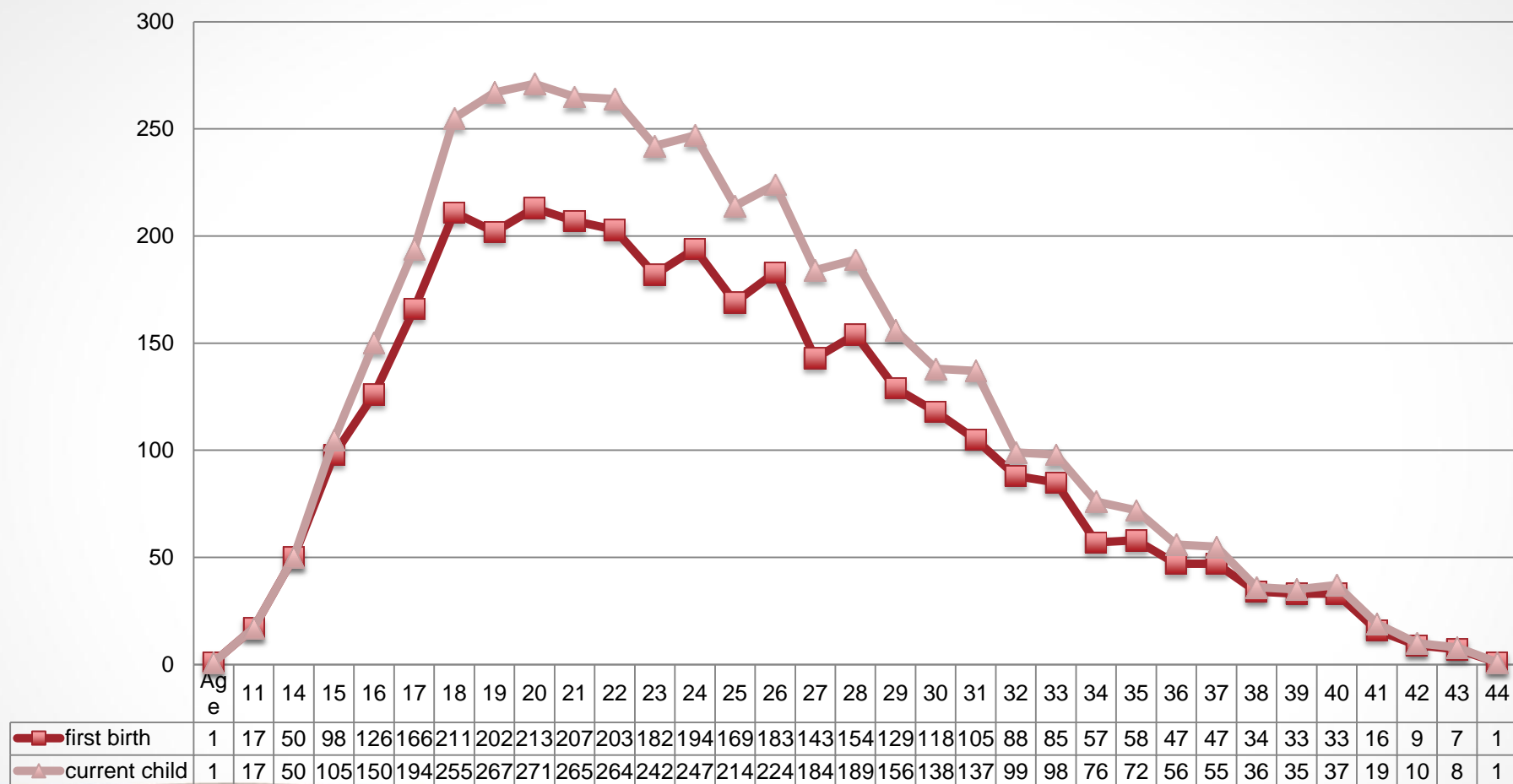
Across all SPAs, **general neglect** is the most frequent removal reason



Parent with Substance Abuse Issues / Previous Child Welfare History / Incarcerated



Age of Mother at First Birth and Current Child



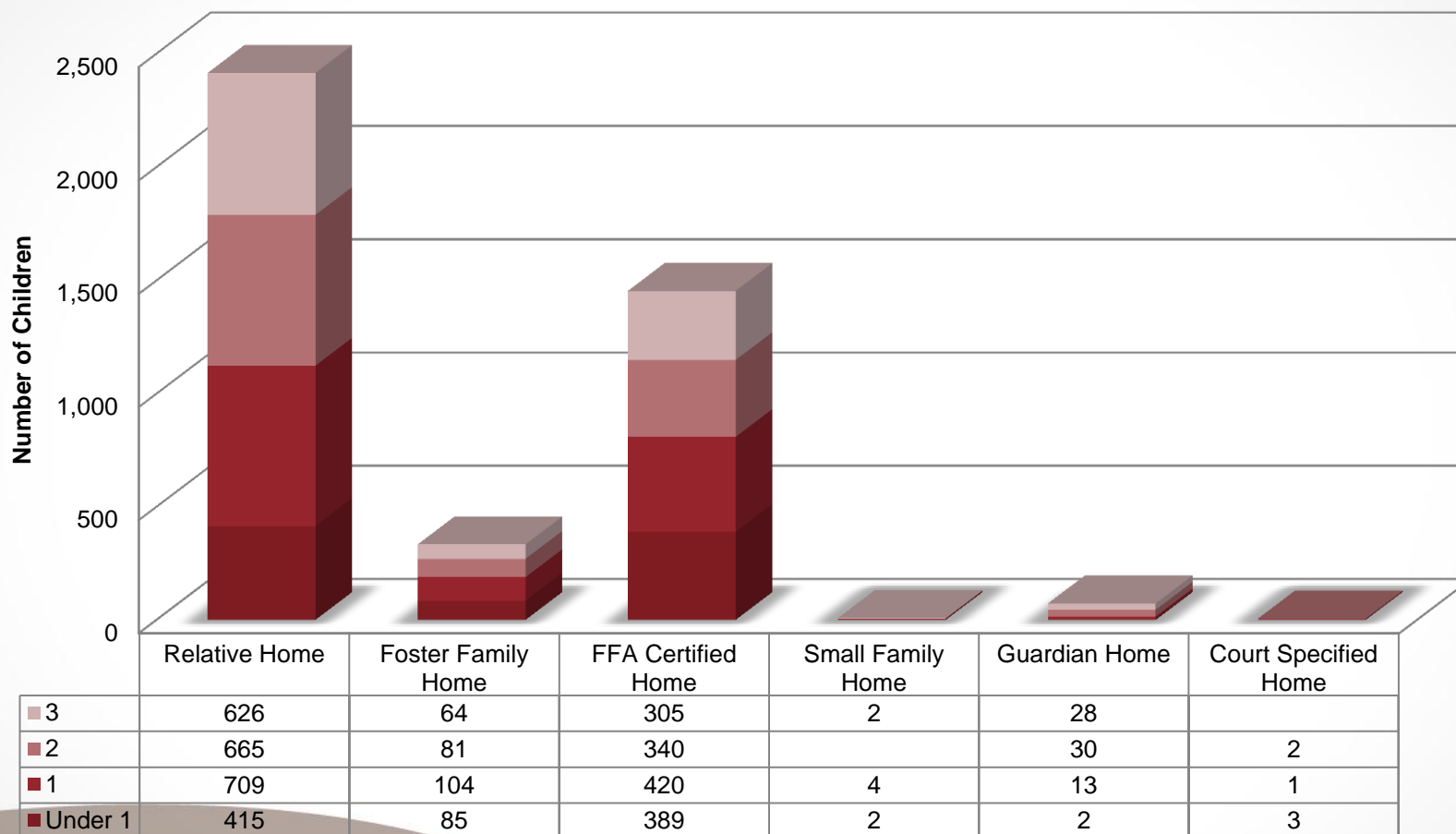
1. Parent data based on available information extracted from CWS/CMS.

2. Mother count under category "Mother Age at First Child Birth" reflects unique count of mothers.

3. Mother count under "Mother Age at Child Birth" include duplicates, as a family may have multiple children.

4. Source: CWS/CMS Datamart - Data as of 1/11/2012

Children in Placement by Facility Type





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